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From: William T Fujioka
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MOTION TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO RESCIND THE PORTION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 69926 WHICH EXEMPTS TRIAL COURTS FROM PAYING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE COURTS (ITEM NO. 7 – AGENDA OF OCTOBER 5, 2010)

Item No. 7 on the October 5, 2010 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to the County Legislative Delegation in Sacramento to proactively work with the State Legislature to rescind the portion of Government Code Section 69926 which exempts trial courts from paying retiree health insurance benefits for sheriff's deputies assigned to the courts.

On July 28, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SBX4 13 (Chapter 22, Statutes of 2009), the Public Safety/Courts Budget Trailer Bill, which was an urgency measure to approve a \$169 million reduction to the Judicial Branch budget. The reduction required the implementation of a one-day-per-month court closure, redirection of funds designated for court initiatives, such as information technology projects and construction, utilization of trial court reserves, and various increases to court fees. Additionally, SBX4 13 amended Section 69926 of the Government Code to require the courts to renegotiate memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with sheriff's departments or counties to reduce the compensation provided to deputies because of the reduction in the need for security services that resulted from the closure of the courts. The measure also eliminated reimbursement for costs associated with providing retiree health benefits for court security personnel.

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According to the Sheriff's Department, the enactment of SBX4 13 imposed significant costs on the County and the elimination of the reimbursement for retiree health benefit costs resulted in a County loss of approximately \$4.5 million annually.

Support for this motion is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose legislation that would transfer to the County or its residents any costs or revenue losses incurred by another jurisdiction; and it is consistent with the County's prior opposition of similar legislation, ABX3 37 of 2009, which would have eliminated the requirements to renegotiate the County's MOU with the courts to reduce reimbursement for court security services and reimbursement of retiree health benefit costs.

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